

# ARTS AND HUMANITIES COMMISSION

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MINUTES – August 15, 2016

## **Call to Order:**

Virginia Thompson, Chair, called the meeting of the Arts and Humanities Commission to order, at 5:01 PM, at the Oscar Yrun Community Center, 3020 E. Tacoma Street, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635.

## **Opening Remarks:**

Virginia Thompson, Chair, greeted the commission and shared this quotation: *"Poetry is when you make new things familiar and familiar things new."* Rory Sutherland paraphrasing Samuel Johnson.

## **Roll Call:**

Members Present: Virginia Thompson, Chair  
Nikki Heinrich, Vice Chair  
Michael Rosen  
Cecelia Lewis  
Elizabeth Horning  
Angel Rutherford  
Lee Elaban – City Staff Liaison  
Alesia Ash – City Council Liaison

Members Absent: Tanya Biami, Karol Childs, Renae Humburg

## **Others Present:**

Victoria Yarbrough - Director of Leisure & Library Services, CSV  
Rosie Mackey – West end Commission Chair  
Annette Beagle - guest  
Larry Hampton - guest

## **Acceptance of the Agenda:**

Michael Rosen made a motion to accept the Agenda. Elizabeth Horning seconded the motion - vote was unanimous; the Agenda for August 15, 2016, was accepted.

## **Call to the Public:**

Larry Hampton, former council member, current Parks and Recreation Commissioner, is donating a 5 ft tall bronze statue of a girl sitting on a wall, reading a book to the library. The statue will be positioned outside in the garden and visible through a window in the children's section of the library. Larry would like the Commission to consider formalizing an approval and acceptance process for the donation of significant art to the City of Sierra Vista. Additionally, the City could reach out to citizens for donations of public art.

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## **New Business:**

- **Mural contest discussion and decision – Victoria Yarborough**

All of the mural contest submissions were displayed for the commissioners to view. The commissioners were able to view each submission, consider what best fits Sierra Vista and how each will translate to the mural. The contest aims to select the design of the mural. The selected design will then be handed over to our Procurement office in order to contract for the artist who will paint it on the wall. The submission by artist Joann Berry was selected by vote.

- **Mayors Arts and Humanities Awards committee selected**

Michael Rosen and Cecelia Lewis volunteered for the committee on the Mayors Arts and Humanities Awards. The commission voted on Michael and Cecelia as the committee members. The vote was unanimous. The committee will address the commission at next month's meeting.

- **Report from Youth Arts Festival Committee – Virginia Thompson**

No report at this time due to summer break.

- **Commission processes and procedures – Jill Adams, City Clerk**

The commission can decide how to utilize committees. The 7 appointed commission members are the official representatives of the commission. The committee can winnow down information to bring back to the commission so that the commission can make reports or recommendations, or for the commission to vote on. Committees cannot make decisions or vote. Committees are required to post an agenda, a notice of meeting and do minutes. The committee is encouraged to meet in a public place in case people want to attend. Recording devices are available to check out at City Hall. The committee reaches a consensus and makes a recommendation to the commission, and the commission makes the decision. The notice of meeting and agenda need to be posted 24 hours prior to the meeting. A Monday meeting should be posted by Friday. The information can go through the staff liaison, which will get it to the Clerk's Office. There will be an Open Meeting Law training coming up in October.

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- **Report from S<sup>3</sup>V – Nikki Heinrich**

The Second Saturday Sierra Vista event in August was a success. The event grew, with more vendors, participants and attendees. The next S<sup>3</sup>V event will be in November and planning will be starting soon. They are looking at maybe starting and ending the event earlier, to account for the changing weather. 4 food trucks and 9 vendors came out, and all were pleased with the layout and visibility.

- **Report from Art in Public Places committee – Elizabeth Horning**

The mural design was chosen, but most likely will not be ready to be translated into the mural by the city clean up day in September. There are more dates coming up with projects for the West End. The art on display at City Hall will be changed out on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00. All types of media are accepted for the next display and preference will be given to new artists.

## **City Council Liaison Report – Aleisa Ash:**

- Council Member Aleisa Ash shared that the budget process was completed last Thursday. The property tax will not change.
- The council passed a resolution that makes the statement that the council supports the school district bond issue, after hearing a report about the subpar facilities and their need for repair, as well as the lack of appropriate technology to prepare local students for 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs.
- The recent Spotlight Breakfast was a success despite the tech equipment being out due to lightning. No visuals were working but it was an opportunity to update the partnerships that are happening in our community.
- Many concerned citizens showed up at the council meeting to express concern about flooding on the West End, specifically in the area where the Horned Toad is located.

## **City Staff Liaison Report – Lee Elaban:**

- This Thursday is the all call to commissions at the OYCC at 4:00 pm. All the commissions get together, communicate and interact to avoid duplication and help each other out. Bring snacks to share with others.
- The City now has 3 Pickleball courts behind the OYCC. The City held a Pickleball clinic in June, with 34 attendees. Tamara Ward, from Green Valley, has been a lead advocate for bringing Pickleball here. Pickleball is similar to tennis but played on a 40 x 20 court.
- The Tompkins dog park will be reopening after some maintenance on September 9.

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Nikki Heinrich shared that she has a paying theatre job in Tucson, in a play called God of Carnage. The play opens in November, and starts rehearsing in September.

Elizabeth Horning shared that the exhibit this month features Wild Birds. Next month will feature an artist.

Angel Rutherford shared that she will submit something to the paper about the Arts & Humanities Commission. The information will go through the staff liaison and to our PAO department.

Virginia Thompson shared that Angel brought articles about the mural contest and the events in Veteran's Park.

## **Adjournment:**

The next Arts and Humanities Commission Meeting is to be held, on Monday, September 19, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

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Virginia Thompson, Chairperson  
Arts and Humanities Commission